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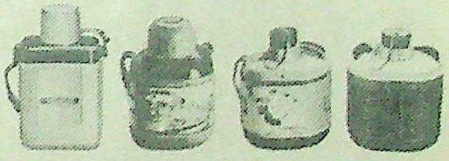

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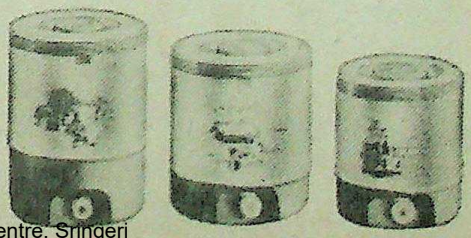

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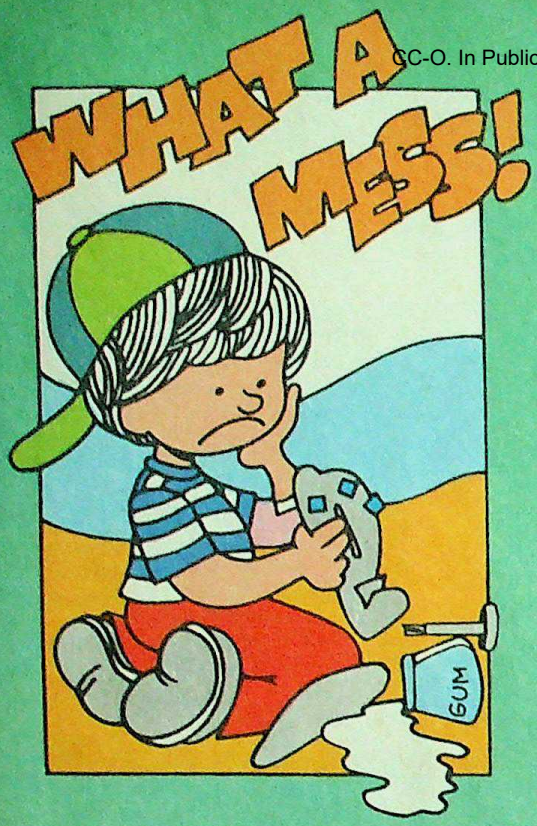

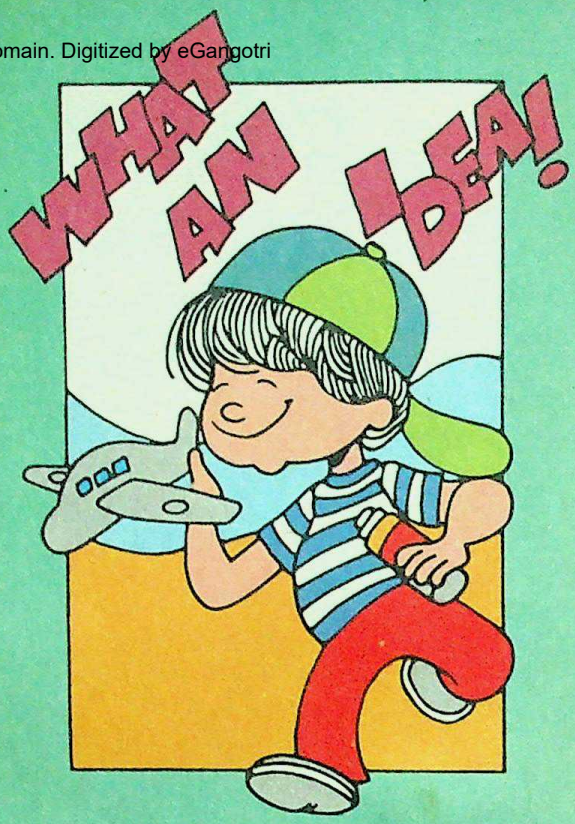

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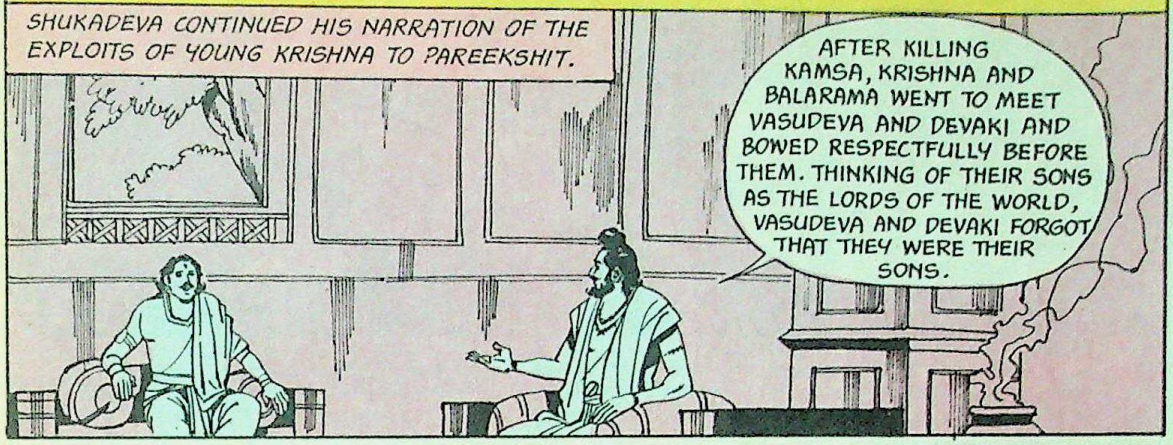

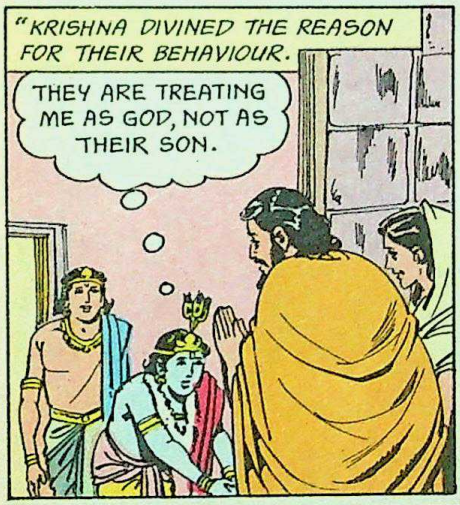

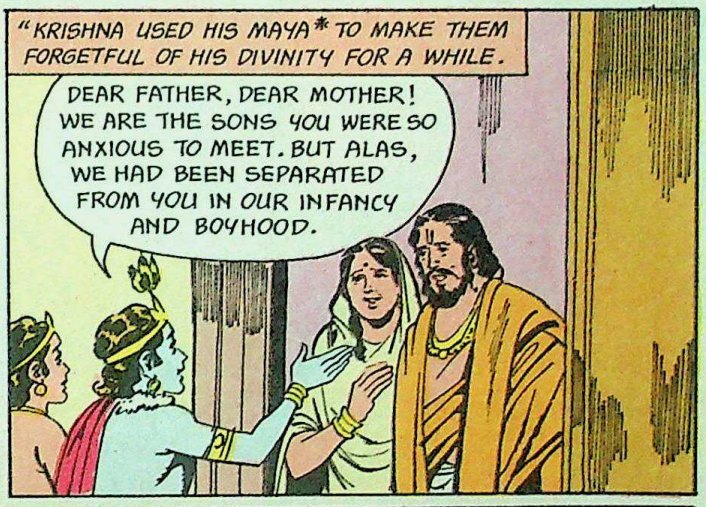

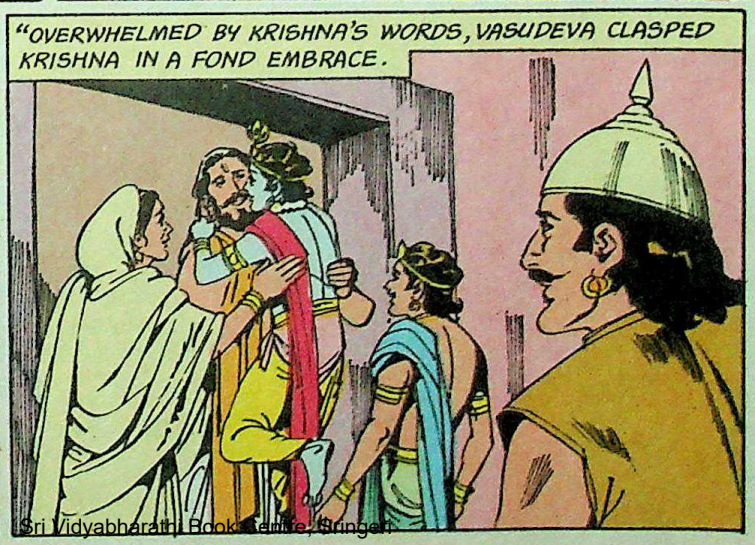

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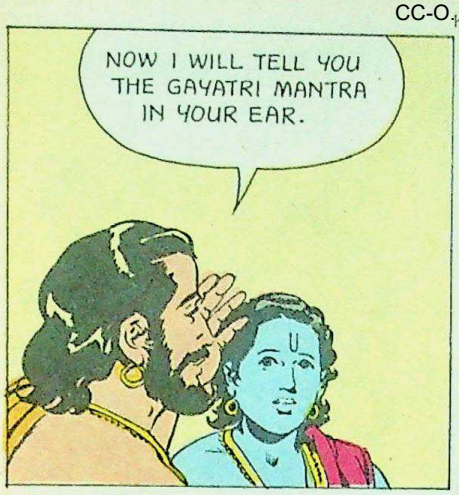

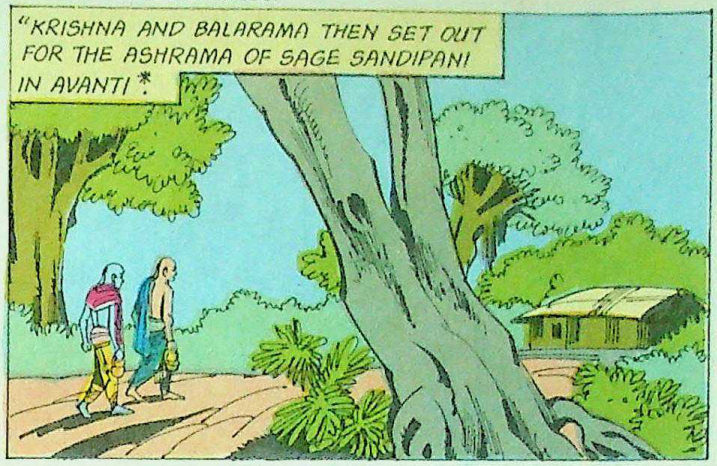

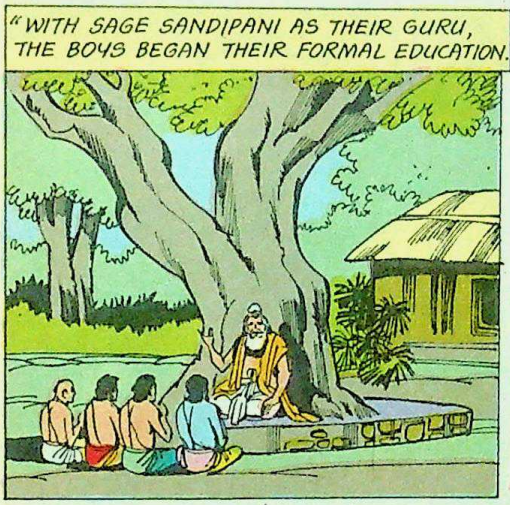

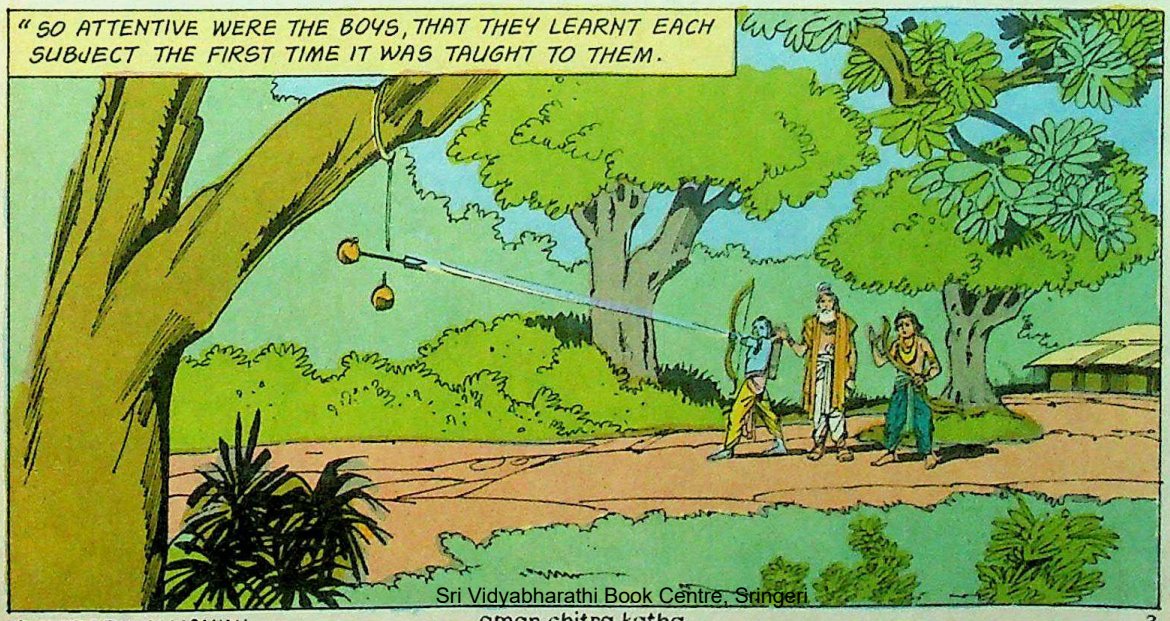

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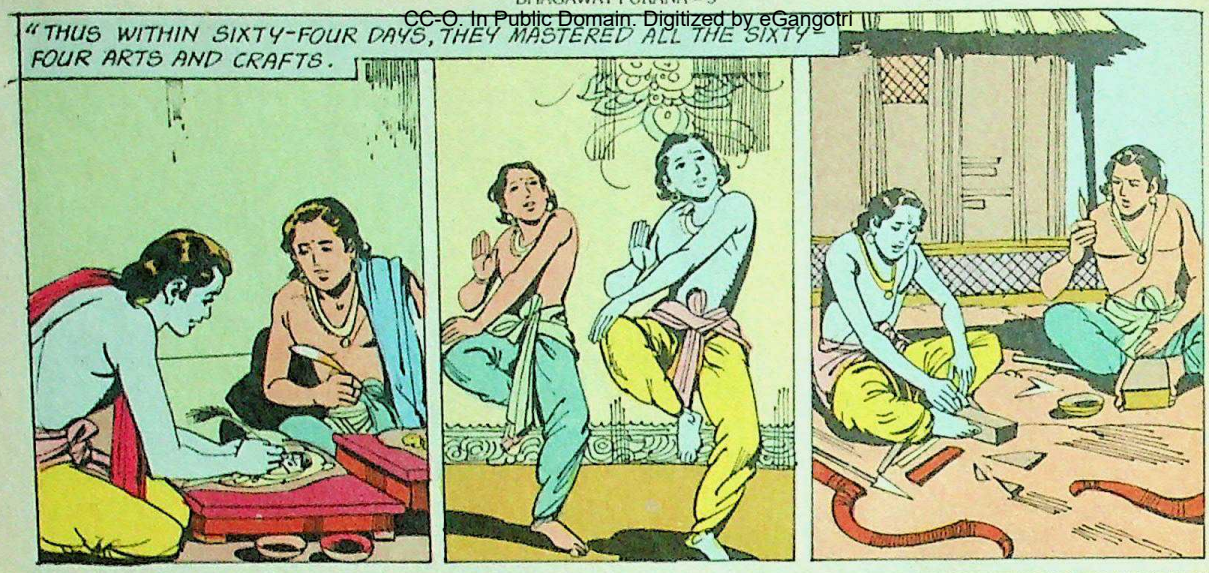

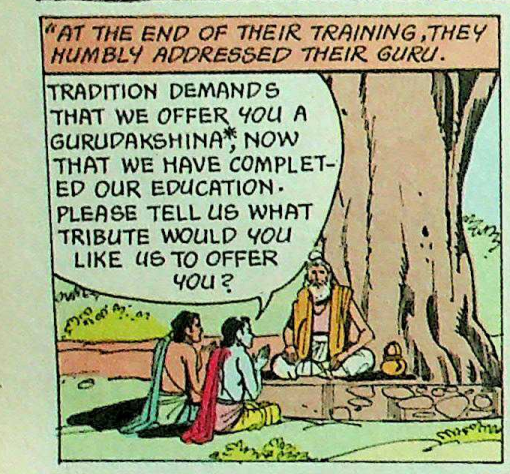

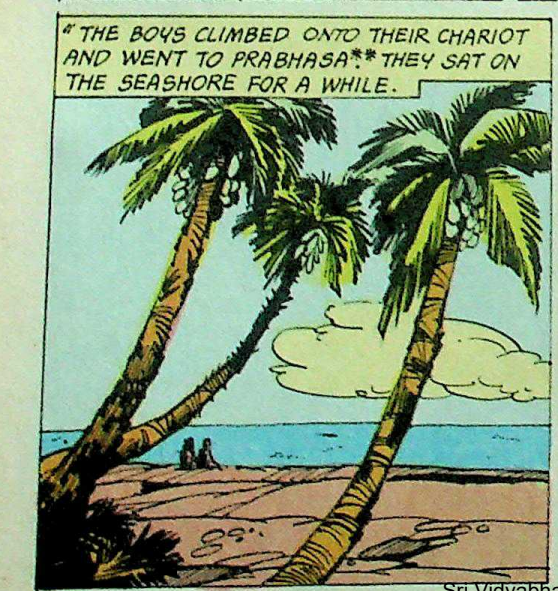

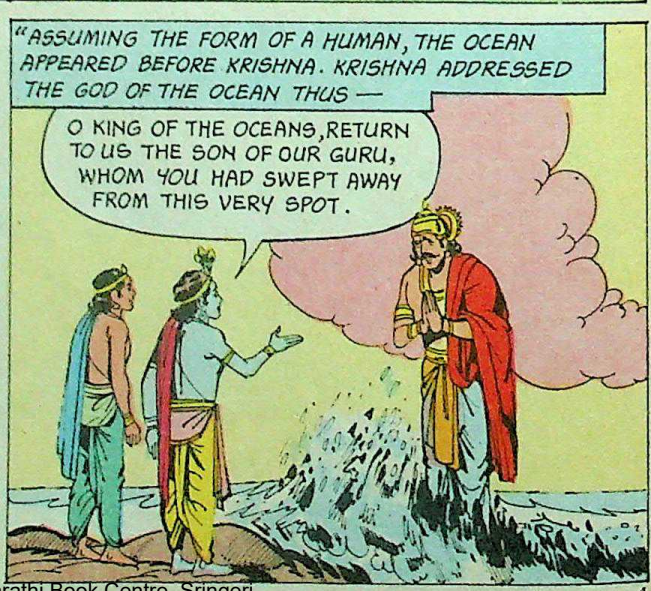

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"WHEN UDDHAVA REACHED VRINDAVANA IT WAS DUSK, THE TIME FOR THE COWS TO RETURN FROM GRAZING IN THE WOODS. THE DUST RAISED BY THEIR HOOVES ENVELOPED HIS CHARIOT.

"THE SOUND OF THE CALVES LOWING MINGLED WITH THE MELODIOUS MUSIC OF THE FLUTES. LAMPS SHONE IN THE HOMES. THE AIR WAS FILLED WITH INCENSE.

"NANDA WELCOMED UDDHAVA AS IF HE WERE HIS OWN SON.

"AFTER HE HAD BEEN FED A SUMPTUOUS MEAL AND SEATED COMFORTABLY, NANDA ASKED HIM EAGERLY —

DOES KRISHNA REMEMBER US AT ALL? DOES HE MISS HIS PARENTS AND HIS FRIENDS? OH! IF HE WOULD ONLY COME ONCE TO MEET US. WE DO SO LONG TO BEHOLD HIS BEAUTIFUL FACE AND HIS ENDEARING SMILE.

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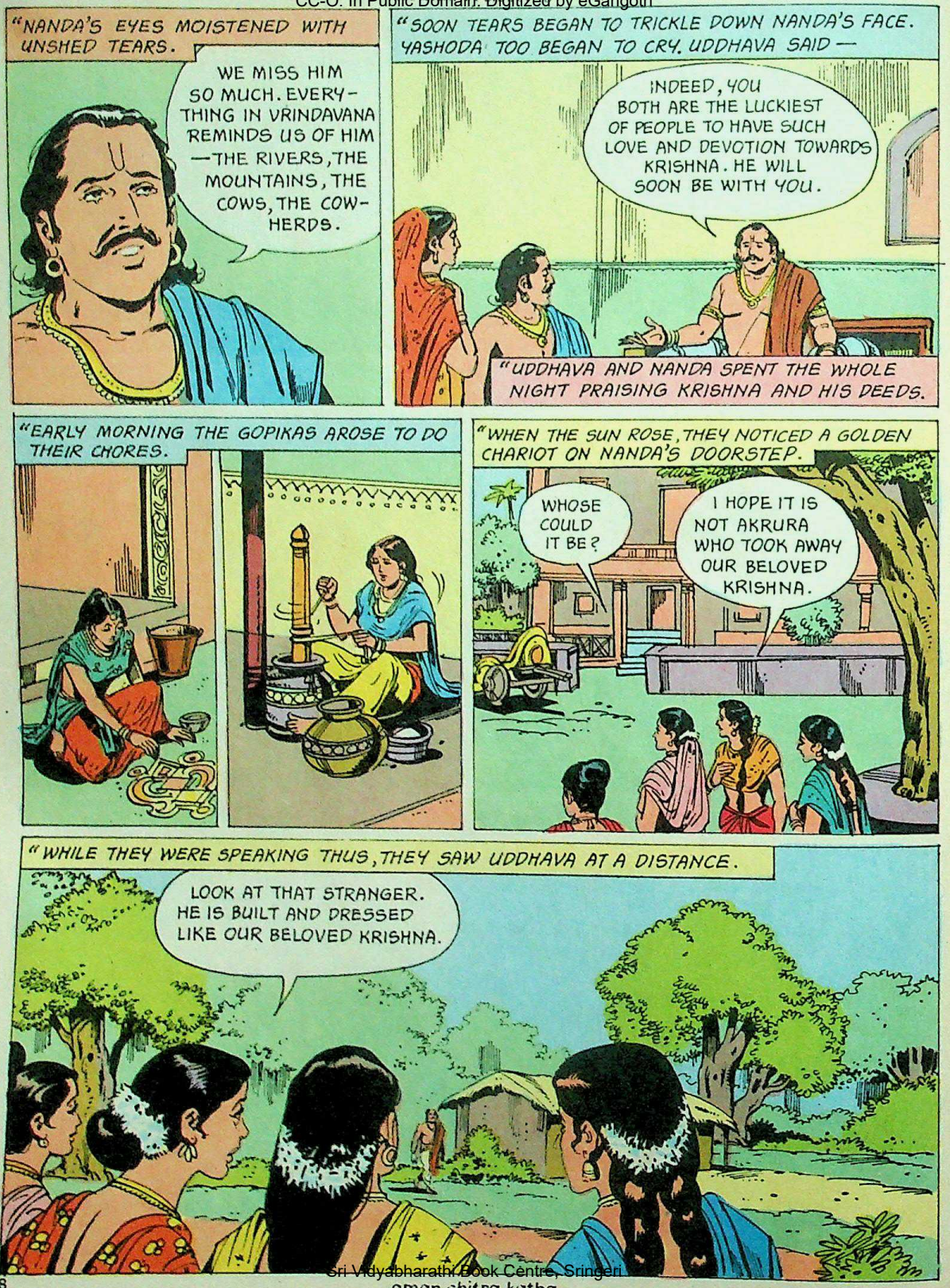

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"THE CURIOUS GOPIKAS SURROUNDED UDDHAVA AND PLIED HIM WITH QUESTIONS.

WHERE HAVE YOU COME FROM?

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

"WHEN THEY LEARNT THAT UDDHAVA WAS AN EMISSARY OF KRISHNA, THEY QUICKLY TOOK HIM ASIDE.

OH! YOU HAVE COME WITH A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LORD. BUT HE MUST HAVE SENT YOU TO COMFORT HIS PARENTS FOR THERE IS NOTHING ELSE HERE WORTHWHILE FOR HIM TO REMEMBER.

ONLY THE PARENTAL BOND ENDURES, ALL OTHER RELATIONSHIPS ARE WEAK AND SHORT LIVED. CITIZENS ABANDON A KING WHO BECOMES WEAK. STUDENTS FORSAKE THEIR TEACHER WHEN THEIR STUDIES ARE OVER. WHY, EVEN BIRDS FLY AWAY FROM THE TREE WHEN ITS FRUITS ARE EXHAUSTED.

"THE GOPIKAS WERE SO THRILLED AT THE ARRIVAL OF KRISHNA'S MESSENGER THAT THEY BABBLED INCOHERENTLY —

TELL US HOW OUR KRISHNA IS? DOES HE EVEN MENTION US? WILL WE EVER HAVE THE GOOD FORTUNE OF SEEING HIM AGAIN?

"UDDHAVA WAS MOVED BY THE DEVOTION OF THE WOMEN.

YOU ARE FORTUNATE TO BE SO CLOSE TO LORD KRISHNA. YOUR DEVOTION CAN SERVE AS AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE FOR LEARNED SAGES. THAT IS WHY KRISHNA HAS SENT ME HERE WITH A MESSAGE.

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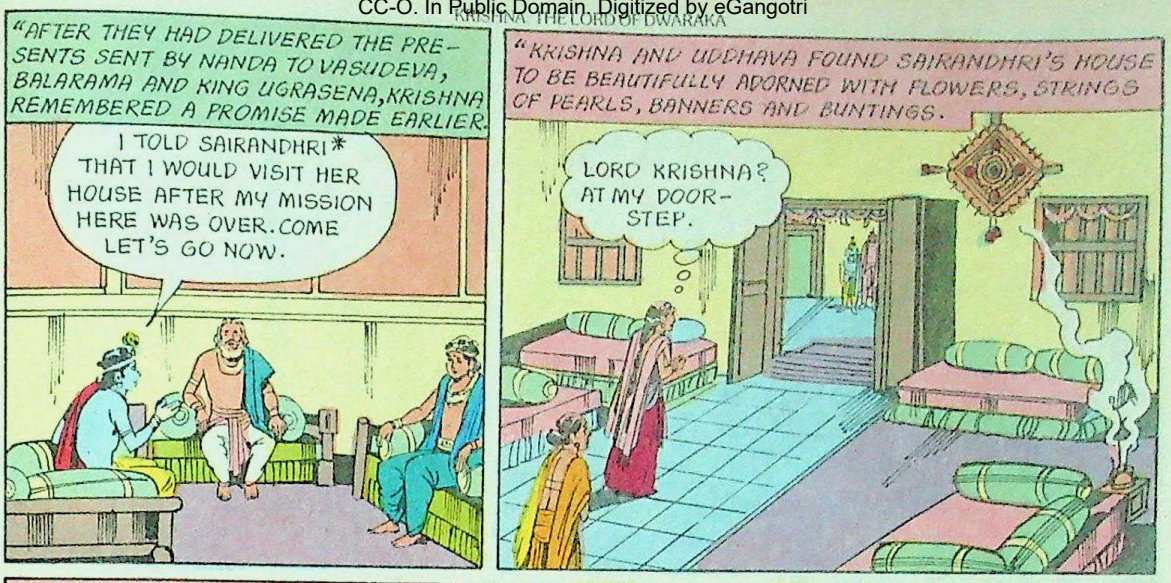

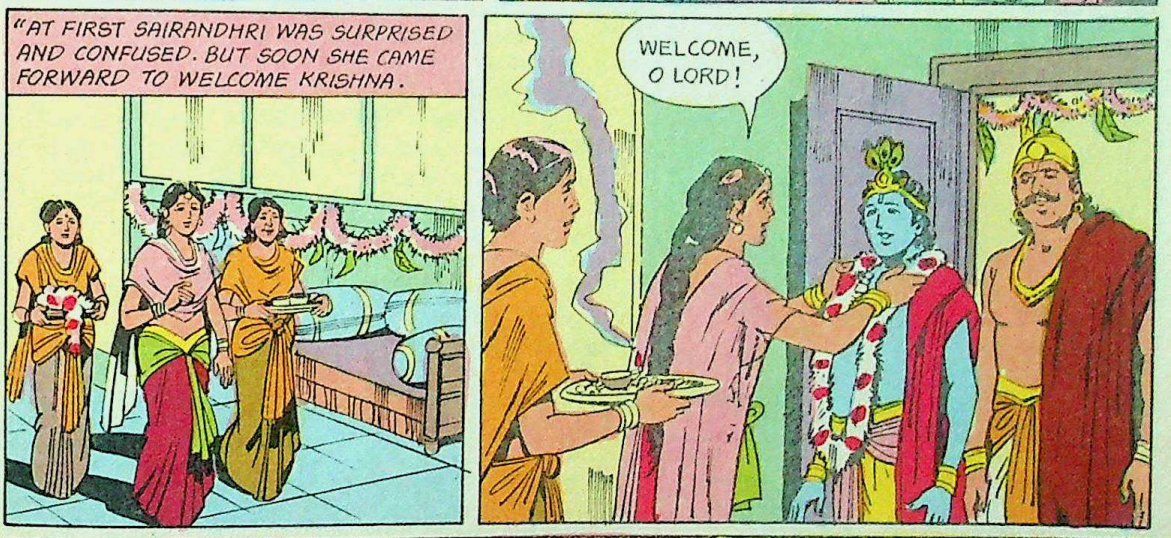

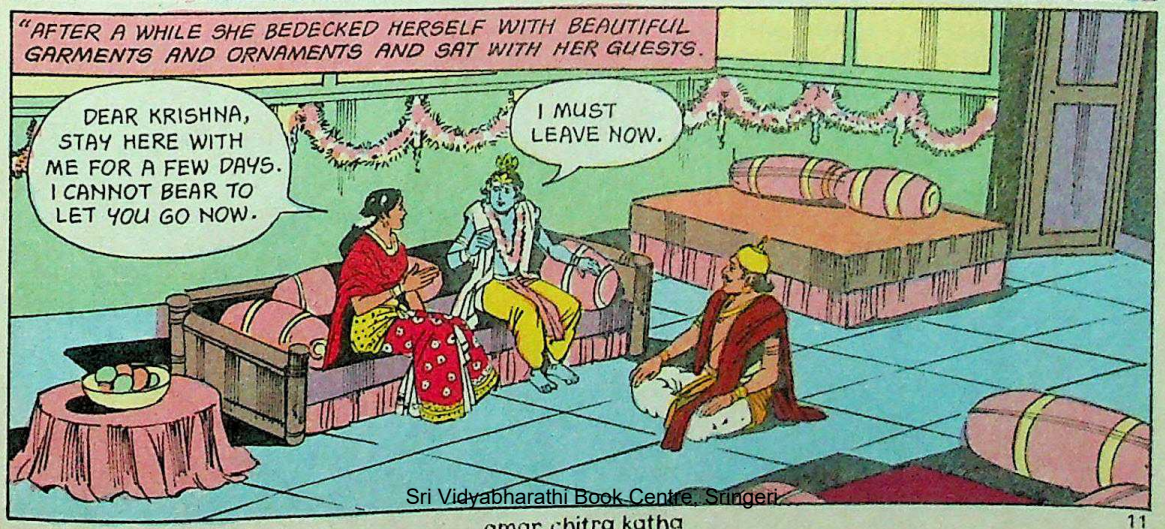

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"FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, AKRURA STAYED AT HASTINAPURA TO FIND OUT HOW DHRITARASHTRA WAS TREATING THE PANDAVAS.

WHY, DHRITARASHTRA DOES NOT DARE TO DO ANYTHING AGAINST THE WISHES OF HIS WICKED SONS.

THAT VILE SHAKUNI IS ALSO A BAD INFLUENCE ON THE OLD KING.

"AKRURA SPOKE TO HIS COUSIN KUNTI.

YES IT IS TRUE THAT MY SONS ARE TREATED BADLY. DURYODHANA IS JEALOUS OF THEM AND RESENTS THEIR POPULARITY WITH THE PEOPLE.

"VIDURA WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT ADDED —

INDEED IN VALOUR, STRENGTH AND MANNERS, THE PANDAVAS ARE FAR SUPERIOR TO THE KAURAVA BROTHERS.

DURYODHANA AND HIS BROTHERS ARE FOREVER PLOTTING TO HARM THE PANDAVAS. THEY EVEN TRIED TO POISON THEM.

"BEFORE LEAVING, AKRURA ADDRESSED THE COURT AT HASTINAPURA AND CONVEYED THE MESSAGE OF KRISHNA AND BALARAMA.

MAY YOU ENHANCE THE GLORY OF THE KURU CLAN. STRIVE TO KEEP YOUR SUBJECTS HAPPY. TREAT ALL YOUR KITH AND KIN ALIKE. BE IMPARTIAL IN YOUR BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS YOUR SONS AND THE PANDAVAS.

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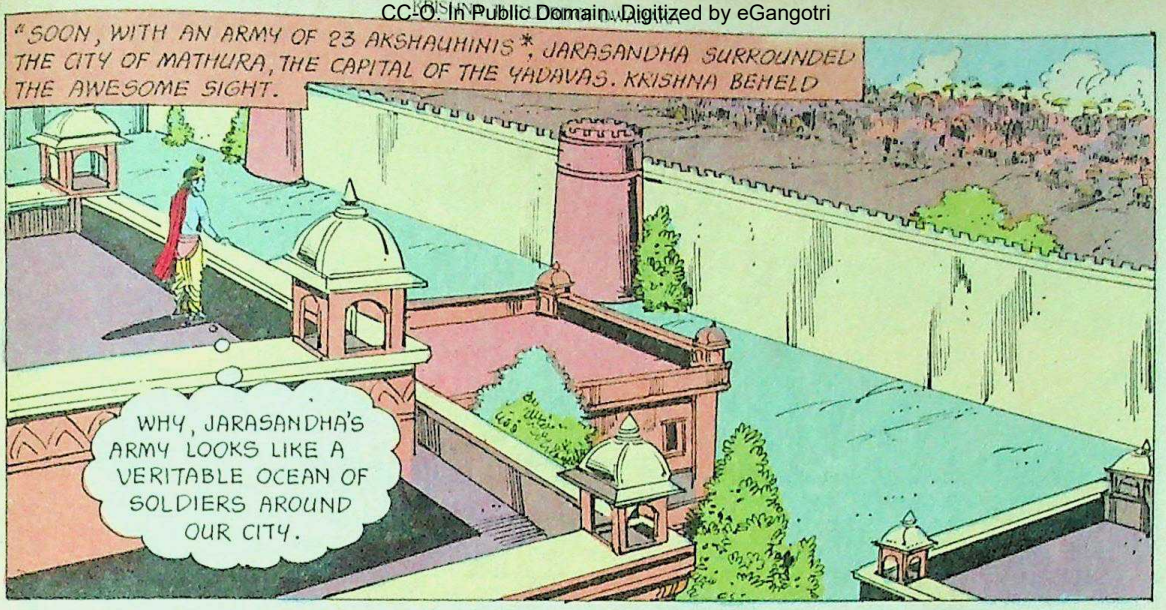

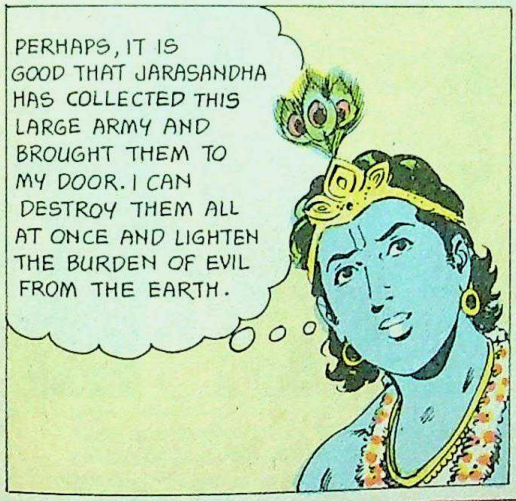

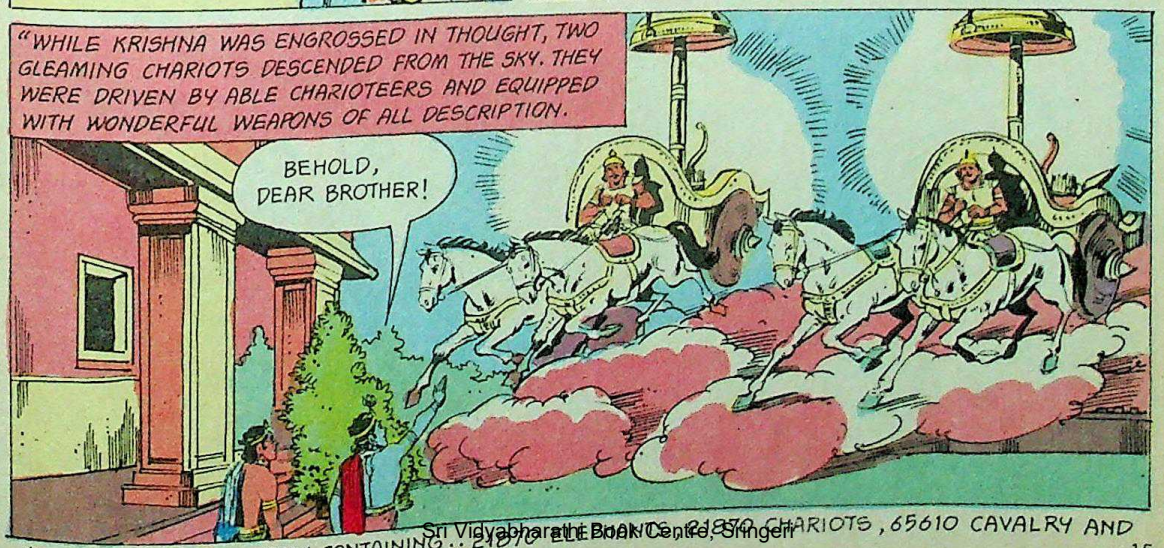

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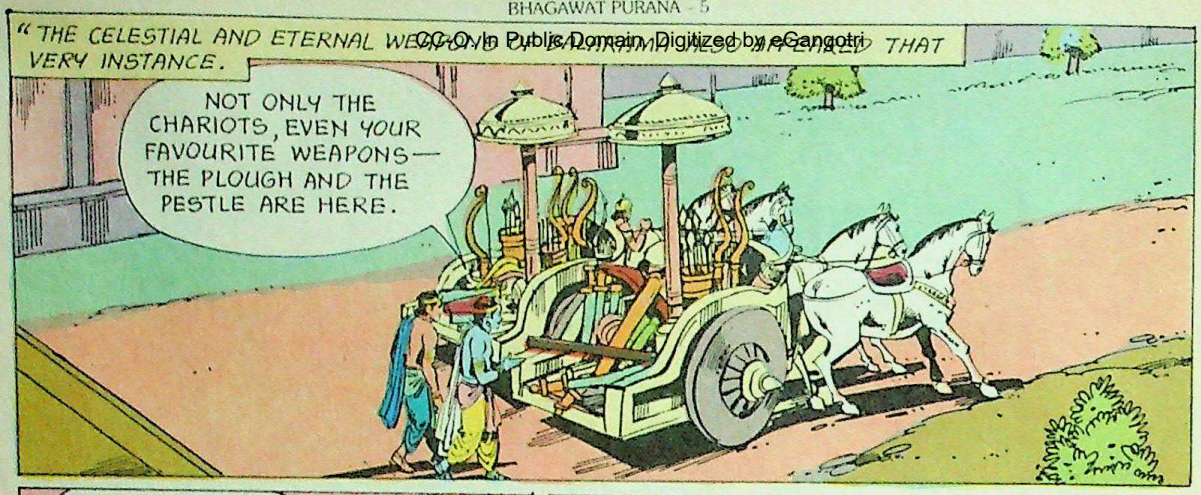

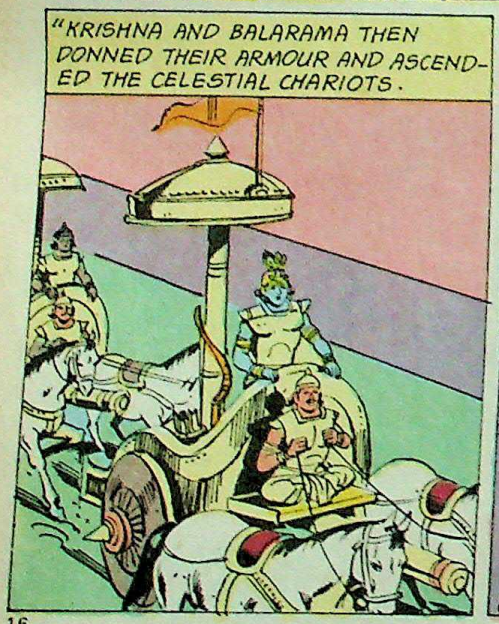

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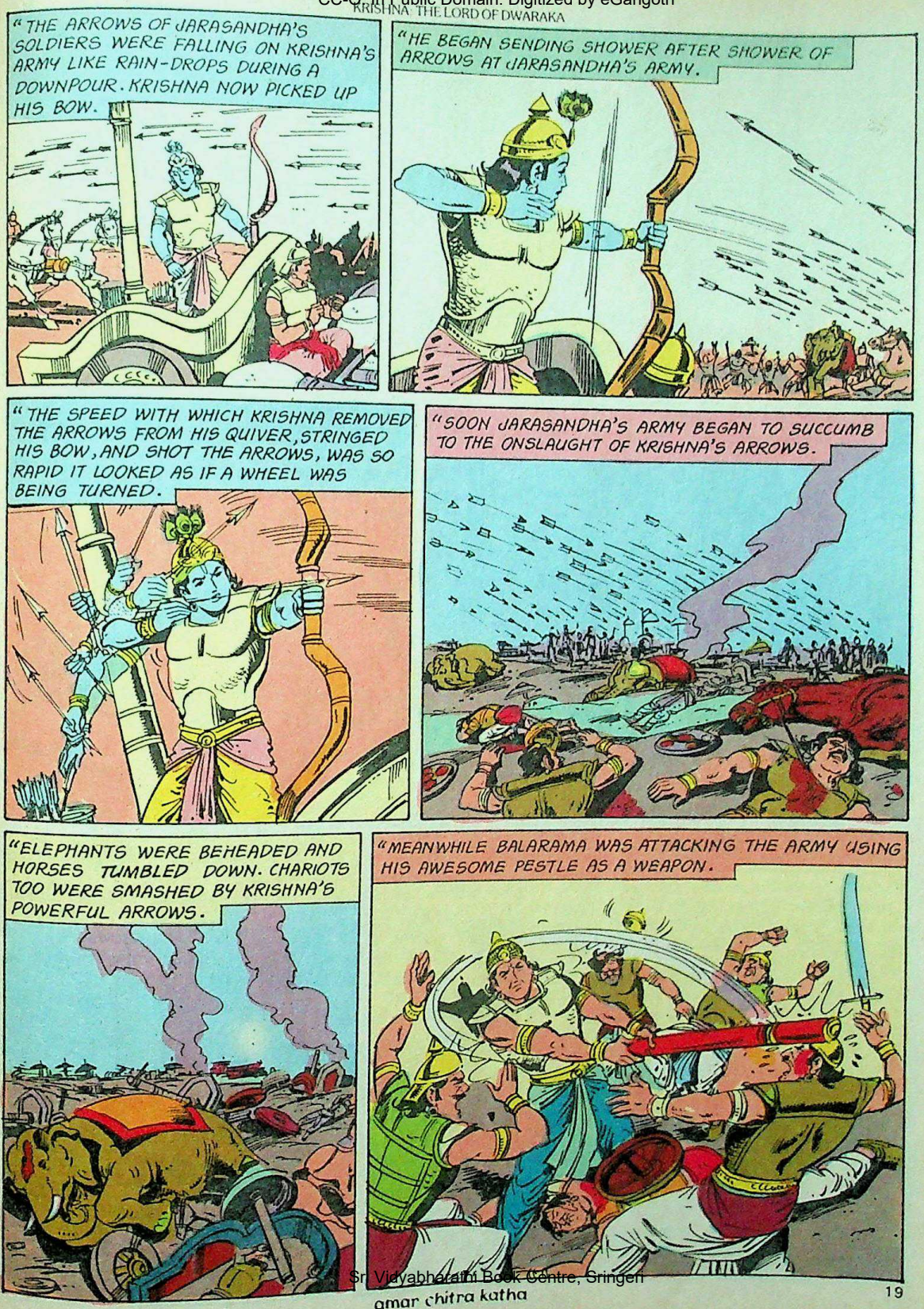

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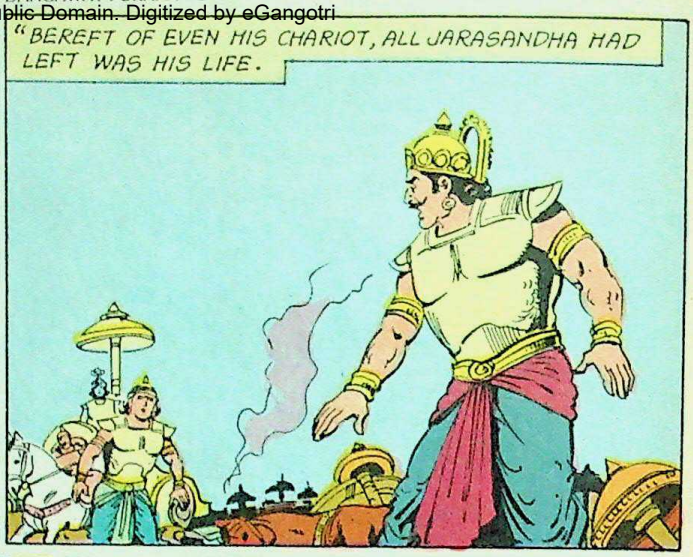

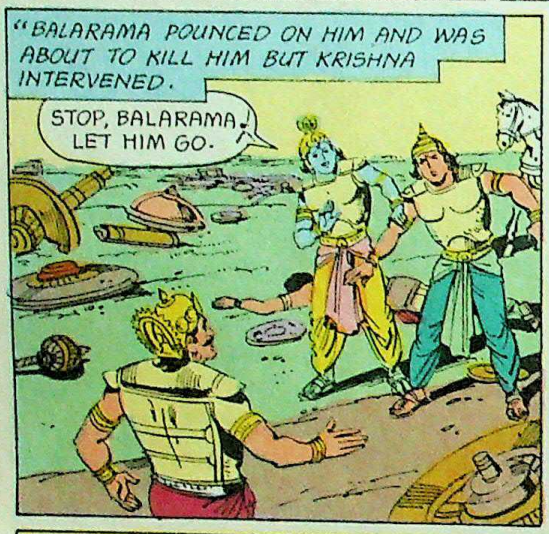

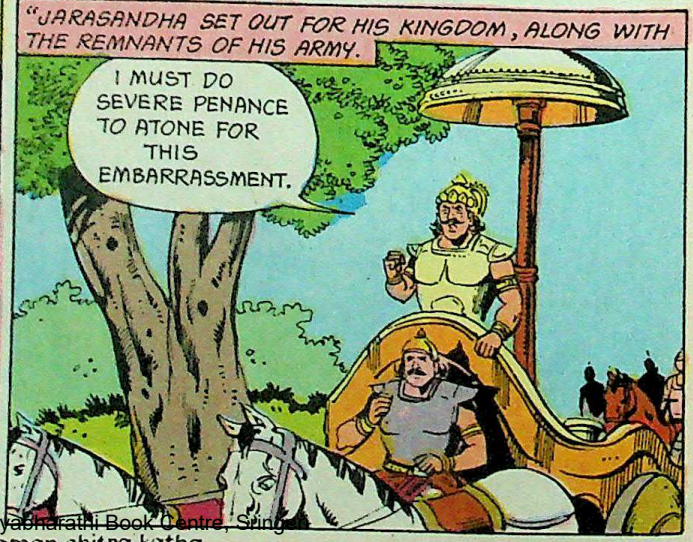

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"BUT SOME OF THE KINGS WHO HAD FOUGHT ALONG WITH HIM DISSUADED HIM.

THE YADAVAS CANNOT REALLY DEFEAT YOU. IT IS JUST DESTINY THAT YOU HAD TO FEEL HUMILIATED.

IT WAS GOD'S WILL THAT YOU FACE DEFEAT THIS TIME. BUT YOU CAN SURELY WIN THE NEXT TIME. DON'T THINK OF RETIRING TO THE FOREST.

"WHILE MOST OF JARASANDHA'S ARMY HAD BEEN ANNIHILATED, KRISHNA'S ARMY WAS ALMOST UNSCATHED. THEY WERE FETED AND WELCOMED BY THE CITIZENS OF MATHURA.

"THE VICTORIOUS ARMY WAS RECEIVED WITH A SHOWER OF FLOWERS BY THE ADMIRING CITIZENS.

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"KRISHNA SAID TO BALARAMA—

OH! NOW WE HAVE TO FACE TWO ENEMIES, JARASANDHA AND KALAYAVANA.

IF BOTH OF US ARE BUSY REPELLING KALAYAVANA'S FORCES AND JARASANDHA ALSO ATTACKS, HE MAY OVERPOWER OUR PEOPLE.

WE MUST HAVE AN INVINCIBLE FORTRESS BUILT WHERE NO ENEMY CAN ENTER. ONLY AFTER PLACING OUR PEOPLE INSIDE SUCH A FORTRESS, WILL WE FIGHT KALAYAVANA.

"AFTER CONSULTING BALARAMA, KRISHNA HAD SUCH A STRONG FORT CITY BUILT IN THE OCEAN. IT WAS A WONDER OF ARCHITECTURE AND CRAFTSMANSHIP WITH WIDE ROADS, LOVELY GARDENS AND HUGE GATEWAYS.

"IN THE MIDST OF THE WELL-PLANNED HOUSES WERE THE GOLDEN PALACES OF KING UGRASENA, VASUDEVA, BALARAMA AND KRISHNA. THE CITY WAS NAMED DWARAKA.

"THE DEVAS SENT MANY GIFTS FOR THIS NEW CITY. INDRA SENT AN ASSEMBLY ROOM CALLED SUDHARMA SABHA. PEOPLE SEATED IN THAT ROOM WERE NOT AFFECTED BY EARTHLY NEEDS LIKE HUNGER AND THIRST.

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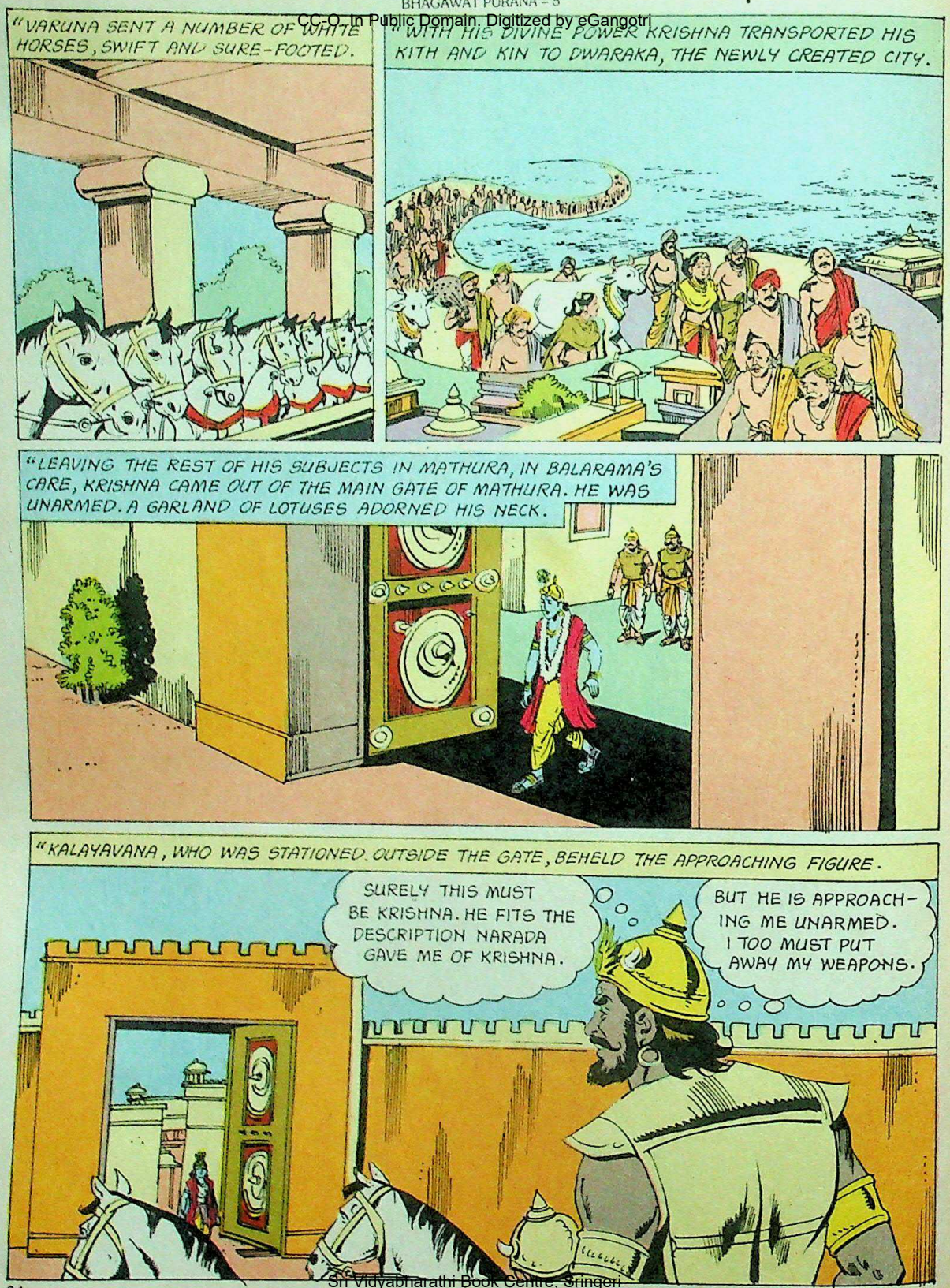

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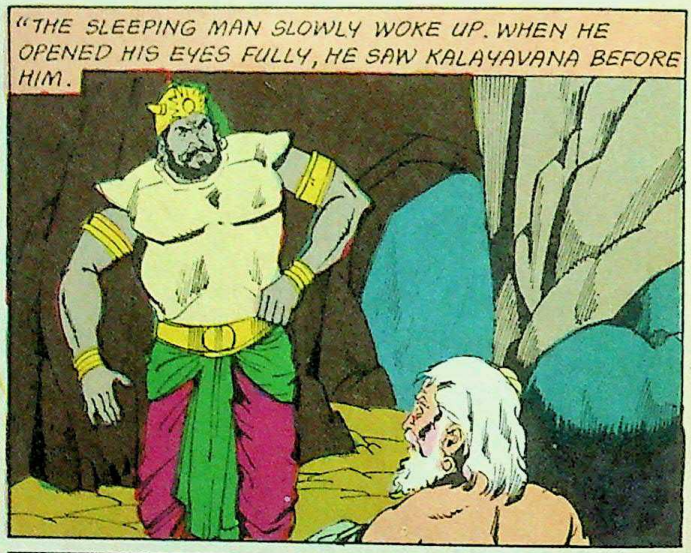

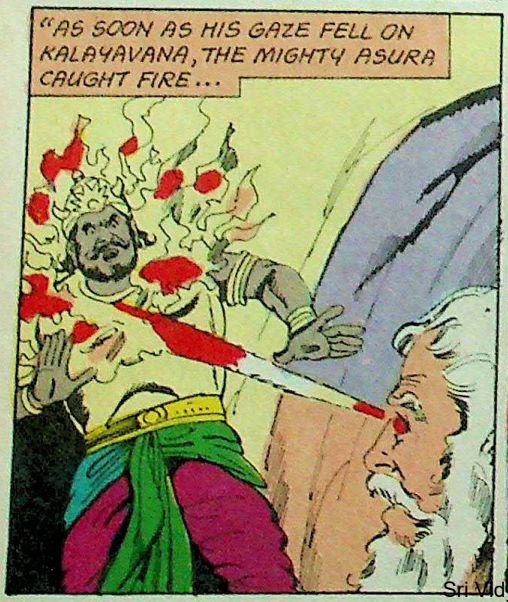

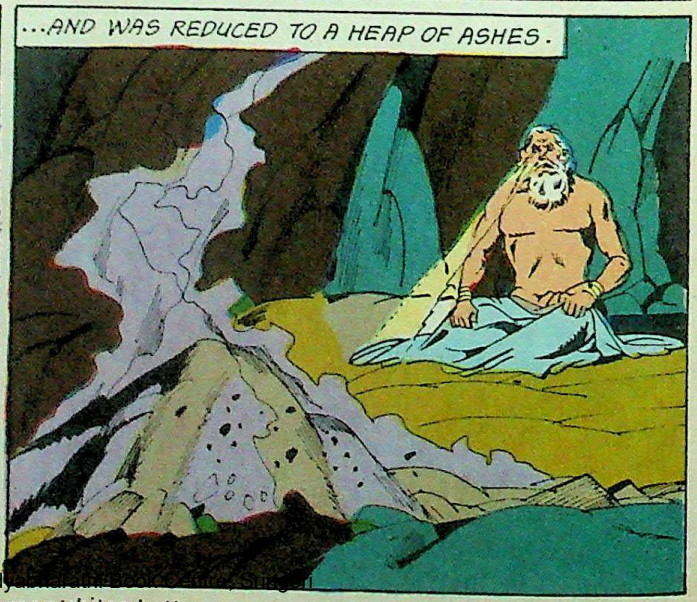

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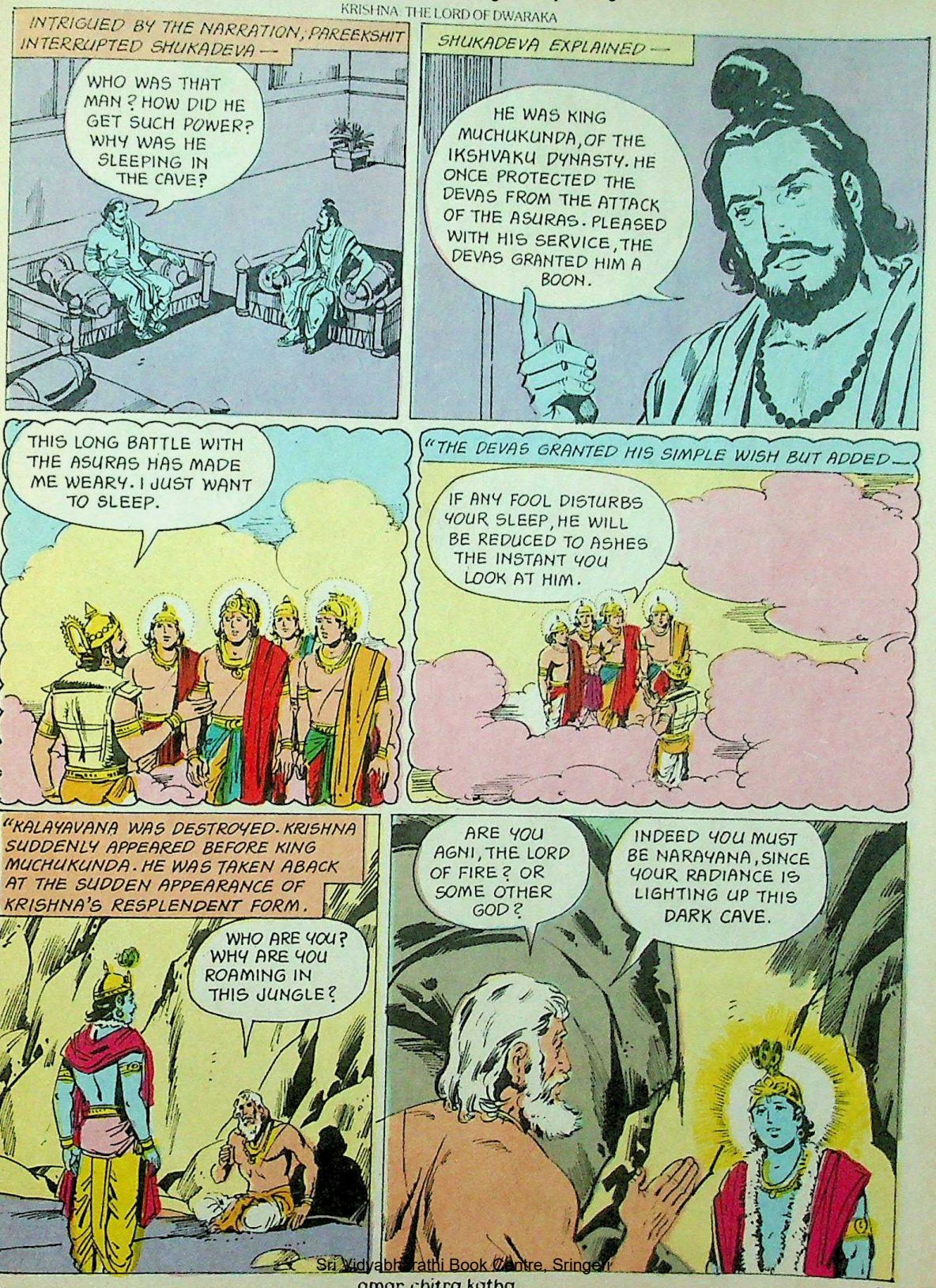

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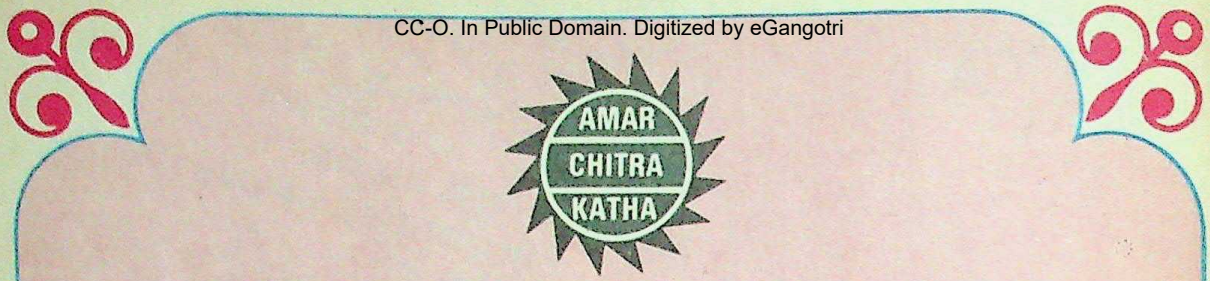

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